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This plan is largely an EPA self-justification document. To maintain that it is science based is laudable, but hardly true. So is the idea that the “draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL was developed through a highly transparent and engaging process” as this is, in my humble opinion, not true.

Just as the information below regarding the attendees at the Martinsburg, WV public meeting shows that little effort had been made by the EPA to advertise the meeting held 4-Nov-2010, and then leaving participants 4 days to make a formal response.

I assure everyone that reads this, more people have been kept in the dark than me regarding this initiative as shown with the response below of how people heard about the Martinsburg, WV meeting.

How did you hear about this Meeting?

• Other (14) Chesapeake Bay Implementation Committee (2) Work (2) Word of Mouth (2) Radio

WVDEP Local PSD Extension Service

- E mail/Listserve (11)
- Newspaper (1)
- Other Web Site _____ (0)
- U. S. EPA Web Site (4)

In addition, EPA has conveniently determined that it is not feasible to extend the 45-day public comment period past November 8, 2010 and delay finalization of the TMDL.

This leaves all participants with an EPA agenda that is poorly thought through. Concerning Jefferson County, WV, the imposed requirements for implementing bay cleanup initiatives are not in line with reality. They are some “scientists” idea of a “model.”

EPA’s claim to have a close working relationship with

Attachments

EPA-R03-OW-2010-0736-0591.1: Comment attachment submitted by M. A. Shields